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Re: Application of Hiroo MATSUNAGA entitled
 "PNEUMATIC TIRE AND METHOD OF
 MANUFACTURING THE TIRE"
 Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION
 Our Reference: Q82646

Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National Stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ four (4) sheets of drawings illustrating Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B and 4C.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR/IPER references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §371(f).**

It is presumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by 35 U.S.C. §371(c) were supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if additional copies are required, the undersigned attorney will provide the same upon request.



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Base Fee									<u>\$920.00</u>
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$1,210.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is claimed from:

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